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C. I. A. Keeps Some Power Under Plan

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President Kennedy is reported to favor a plan under which the Central Intelligence Agency would retain some but not all of its "operating" function.

The plan would not limit the C. I. A. strictly to intelligence-gathering, as demanded by some critics after the collapse of the invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro Cubans who were trained and equipped by the C. I. A.

Instead, officials said today, it would make this division of operating functions:

1. Small-scale, undercover operations would continue to be handled by the C. I. A.
2. Big, quasi-public undertakings, such as the Cuban invasion, would be taken over by the Pentagon.

This was understood to be a key recommendation of the President's committee which studied America's intelligence setup. The group was headed by Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, who has since been named special military adviser to the President. Other members included Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, C. I. A. director Allen W. Dulles and Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, Chief of Naval Operations.

The Taylor committee was reported to have recommended also that Mr. Dulles be replaced by a civilian rather than a military man, and that the number of C. I. A. agents abroad be reduced and their activities cur-

ing the C. I. A. They said he is determined to go slow in whatever changes he orders so as not to damage the morale of C. I. A. employees.

Officials said no major decisions have yet been made by President Kennedy on revamp-